

## **The Mayor's Advisory Council on International Affairs Membership List**

**Arthur Abramson, PhD**, Executive Director of the Baltimore Jewish Council; previously served as the Community Relations Director for the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston; areas of expertise include international relations and politics of the Middle East, American foreign policy & American government; he has taught political science at UCLA and Cal State at Northridge; native New Yorker; BA, Queens College of the City University of New York, MA and PhD in political science, UCLA.



**Harold Adams**, Chairman Emeritus, RTKL Associates Inc.. RTKL is an international architecture and design consultancy; Mr. Adams is responsible for expanding the company from a single-office regional practice into a multi-office, multi-disciplinary international practice with projects in 60 countries; a recognized global leader having met with Presidents, Premiers, Prime Ministers and other influential leaders around the world, founding Chairman of the Board for the World Trade Center Institute in Baltimore, member of the US-Korean Business Council, member of the US-China Business Council, Chairman of the AIA International Committee; serves a leadership role in numerous other organizations.

**Beery Adams**, Mayor's Immigration Support and Outreach Coordinator, has been working in the Mayor's Office, connecting the many different immigrant populations of Baltimore with City services as well as working with non-profit organizations serving the immigrant populations. She has a Masters in Latin American Studies from the University of Arizona and has lived in Mexico.

**Kostas Alexakis**, CEO, Public Sector Solutions Inc., born near Sparta, Greece; emigrated to US in 1976; he has a degree in electrical engineering from George Washington University; moved to Baltimore in 1998; active in both the social and political life of the city.

**Lorena Beltran**, is the Mayor's Hispanic Liaison to the eastside of Baltimore. Before coming to the Mayor's Office, Ms. Beltran was Assistant to the Director of Education Based Latino Outreach. Ms. Beltran is a Certified Teacher of English to Students of Other Languages and has taught Spanish to inner city public school children. Ms. Beltran has performed simultaneous interpretations in Court, Hospitals and many community meetings.



**Dr. Leslie Mancuso**: CEO, JHPIEGO, a flagship nonprofit international health organization dedicated to improving health services in developing countries, particularly in the area of HIV/AIDS, maternal and neonatal health and reproductive health overall; prior to joining JHPIEGO, was acting CEO, senior Vice President, and Chief Operating Officer of Project HOPE; received her

Bachelor of Science in nursing from Southern Connecticut University, an MSN and a PhD in Education from the University of Pennsylvania.



**Amal Mansour** is Chairman of the Board and CEO of Manufacturing and Technology Conversion International, a Baltimore Company that is a world leader in sustainable environmental energy technologies. She participated in several Presidential Missions, and was recognized by the Department of Energy and the Clinton White House for her Company's success in technology innovation. Amal Mansour also serves on the Board of the Council on Egyptian American Relations. She is active in several other international affairs and is an ardent advocate of women and small business.



**Dan Mohanlal**, Executive Vice President, International Youth Foundation; The International Youth Foundation (IYF) is working in close to 70 countries and territories to improve the conditions and prospects for young people where they live, learn, work, and play. Over the last 15 years, IYF and its global network of in-country partners have helped millions of young people gain access to the life skills, education, job training and opportunities critical to their success.

**Rafael Regales** is the Liaison to the westside Hispanic community in the Mayor's Office of Hispanic Affairs. Prior to joining the Mayor's administration, Rafael worked as a political consultant with Martin-Lauer Associates. During the 2004 General Assembly Session he served as a committee staff member to Delegate Maggie McIntosh in the Environmental Matters Committee. From 2001 to 2003 he was a membership and public-policy associate with the Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations. Mr. Regales holds a Masters Degree in American Studies from Bowling Green State University and a Bachelor of Arts in American Studies from Goucher College.



**Ken Hackett** is president of Catholic Relief Services, the official international relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic community. He oversees operations in 99 countries and commands a global staff of more than 4,000. Mr. Hackett joined CRS more than 30 years ago and has served in posts throughout Africa and in the Philippines, as well as a variety of positions at CRS headquarters. In July 1993, Mr. Hackett was named Executive Director of CRS. He was appointed President in 2003.

**Dr. Gary Vikan**, Director of the Walters Art Museum since 1994, native of Minnesota; B.A., Carleton College, 1967; Ph.D., Princeton, 1976; has participated in scholarly conferences worldwide, and has published and lectured extensively on topics ranging from early Christian pilgrimages, to icons, to medicine and magic, to Elvis Presley; Adjunct Professor at The Johns Hopkins University, also teaches in JHU's School of Continuing Studies.



**Robert Walker**, Chief Deputy to AA County Executive, Janet Owen; served as principal consultant for agricultural development projects in the former Soviet Union and humanitarian assistance activities in Central Asia and Afghanistan, as well as an international projects consultant to SJH & Company, Inc.; served as the first Director of the Agricultural Trade Office in Moscow (1997-2001); served as head of the USDA Monitoring Team for the \$1 billion US food assistance program in Russia (1999-2000); served as the first USDA Policy Advisor to the Ukrainian Minister of Agriculture (1994-1997); Secretary for the MD State Department of Agriculture (1991-1994) and Deputy Secretary (1986-1991); also served as a consultant to The World Bank, the US Congressional Research Service, and the Office of international Cooperation and Development; graduate of Baltimore City College; Towson University, BA in Political Science.

**Nancy Wallace**, Director of International Operations Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development Business Development; responsible for supervising the International Operations staff in Baltimore as well as the 10 foreign offices located around the globe.